

PASSPORT*choices*sm

PARENT GUIDE



2017

NEW TO PASSPORT?

PASSPORT*choices* is a 6-day, 5-night creative discipleship youth camp that allows your students the freedom to customize their camp experience. At PASSPORT*choices*, your students choose from multiple afternoon activities designed to help them cultivate their unique identity as a follower of Jesus Christ.

We know that sending your student to camp is an important rite of passage and a matter of trust. That's why PASSPORT*choices* is designed with the total well-being of each camper in mind. Here are some things you can expect from us.

Creative Discipleship Programming Designed to Foster Students' Passions & Interests

Students customize their camp experience by choosing from several afternoon activities designed to ignite their passions and help them live the call of God in their lives. With Choice topics ranging from environmentalism to art and drama and music to ministry, your students are to find a topic they are passionate about.

Low-Pressure Worship Experience Aimed at Equipping Students for a Lifetime of Faith

Your students will find PASSPORT is an intimate, grace-filled, low-pressure environment where they can explore and grow their relationship with Jesus.

Mentorship and Pastoring by Young Christian Women and Men

PASSPORT employs committed Christian women and men for our summer teams. Encountering a relatable role model can change a student's life, encourage them as followers of Christ, and help them understand what faith lived looks like.

Fresh Camp Programming

With a new theme every year, PASSPORT offers your students an exciting and totally fresh camp experience every summer.

Please inform our staff of special needs your child may have so we can make sure he or she has the same joyful, safe, faith-building experience as everyone else.

DAILY SCHEDULE

A day at PASSPORTchoices is action-packed, and our campers never run out of exciting ways to encounter Christ, embrace community, and extend grace to the world.

Opening Day

2:00-5:00 p.m.	Camp Check-In	
5:00-6:30	Dinner	
7:00	Opening Celebration	
8:00	Opening Night Bible Study	*On Night 1, the Rec Party will occur at 6:30 p.m.
9:15	Vespers	before Worship at 9 p.m. The Night 3 Party is
10:00	Church Group Devotions	Church Group Free Time from 2:30-9:00 p.m.
11:00	Return to Lodging	Groups are encouraged to do something fun
11:30	Lights out	together, including dinner off-campus. Worship
		will begin at 9:00 p.m.

Days 1-4

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00	Morning Devotions
9:30	Morning Celebration
10:00-11:30	Camper Bible Study
11:45-2:30	Choice Time (<i>incl. lunch</i>)
2:30 p.m.	Free Time
5:30-6:30	Dinner
7:00-8:15	Worship
9:00	Party*
10:00	Church Group Devotion
11:00	Return to Lodging
11:30	Lights out

Closing Day

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
	Morning Devotion
9:00	Closing Bible Study
10:00	Closing Celebration
11:15	Departure

CHOICE COURSES

With Choice Courses ranging from environmentalism to health and fitness, to music and ministry, campers will have the opportunity to explore their interests and discover how to live out their callings.

NOTE: The curriculum of individual courses does not change so encourage your camper to try something new this year! Course availability is subject to change.



- **Color Palette** Express your faith through images. Come paint, draw, sculpt, and work in mixed media. You'll investigate how visual arts can impact a worship setting and as you are inspired, share it with others in worship at camp.



- **5 Things (for Juniors and Seniors only)** Prepare yourself for the responsibilities life throws at you as you forge your way into adulthood – balancing a budget, doing laundry, finding a church, being a good neighbor, and time management. Make space for hearing the voice of God in the midst of life's transitions.



- **Huddle Up** Participate in recreation as an expression of faith! Discover team dynamics, creative play, and leadership development while playing alongside your friends. Team discussions will help you consider how recreation can promote rest and relaxation and also be a strong part of spiritual discipline.



- **Missions** Put feet to your faith by investing in the lives of others, especially in your community. Sharing Jesus' love through actions is a strong statement—ever heard the phrase 'actions speak louder than words'?



- **World Play** Do you dream of far off adventures? Come visit far corners of the globe by learning how to play games from around the world. Master the basics skills of Oshikura Manju, Kabadi or Las Cebollitas while discovering something new about the people and the place you might one day explore in person.



- **High Rise (For 6th-8th graders only!)** Your life isn't the same as it was last year, and neither are you. The new school year brings new opportunities and challenges. Prepare for your next phase of life by learning how to establish solid foundations with your faith, family, and friends.



- **Curtain Call** The drama of Scripture and the drama that fills our everyday lives are not without meaning and purpose. Participants in Curtain Call will explore the power of drama in expressing one's self, shaping others' souls, and following Christ in community.



- **Grace Notes** Participants will engage their creative senses through lyrics, music, and authentic worship experiences. Mentored by worship leaders, students will have the opportunity to lead in camp worship.

NIGHTLY PARTIES

Knowing the love of Jesus Christ is cause for celebration! Each night, campers enjoy a new and vibrant party related to the camp theme.

Night 1: Step Right Up Rec Party

Step Right Up ladies and gentlemen to try your hand at games that require determination, strategy, and teamwork. Reimagined carnival games played on a giant scale will make for a crazy and exciting Rec Party that campers will not soon forget. *The Rec Party is held outdoors (weather permitting), and campers may want to bring comfortable shorts, and T-shirts that can match the color of their Bible Study Group—red, black, or blue. All campers must wear closed-toe shoes.*

Night 2: Jersey Jam Dance

Who doesn't enjoy a tailgate party? Grab a jersey and proudly represent your favorite athlete or team at this year's Jersey Jam Dance! You may even want to dress up as your group's favorite team (real or imagined). Expect music representing many styles (we all like different teams, right?) and time to dance, celebrate, play your favorite tailgating games to get you in the team spirit. *Youth groups are strongly encouraged to plan their costumes prior to camp. Creative costumes make for a successful dance! Staff judges will present a prize to the most creative group.*

Night 3: Church Group Free Night

Throughout much of the week, your campers are divided into different groups for Bible Study and Choice Groups, and while this is done with intentionality to build a broader community, it is also important for your group to build community internally as well. On the third full day of camp, groups will be given time off from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m. to participate in an activity of their choosing. Dinner will be on your own and we ask that you are back on campus ready to worship at 9:00 p.m.

Night 4: PASSPORT's 25th Annual Variety Hour

Get ready to settle in for a night of laughter, tears, and surprises as you close out the week with Passport's 25th Annual Variety Hour. Bring your skits, songs, and any other acts to camp to share with others as we all cheer and enjoy the variety of our gifts and talents.

Space for the Variety Show can vary from week to week and not everyone can be guaranteed a spot on the program. Priority is usually given to group acts, so as to allow the maximum number of people on stage each week as possible.

THIS YEAR'S THEME

Do. Love. Walk.

Faith does not have to be complicated but there are requirements. Following Jesus with our lives demands action. To expect justice we must learn to recognize and intercede on behalf of the oppressed. To be kind often means putting others needs first. And walking humbly only happens when we stop looking for acknowledgement. Faith in Christ is simple, but that does not mean it is always easy.

2017 theme verse:

"...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

MISSION OFFERING

Giving a cup of clean water is one of the most tangible ways to share the love of Christ in the world. Over a billion people on the planet do not have access to safe drinking water on a daily basis. This summer campers will participate in offering Living Water through sharing clean water in the country of Malawi.

Students will learn about this beautiful country and the important work of accessing clean water. They will be invited to water a garden, give a cup of clean water, put a loo in a school, or serve up some fresh fish for families in Malawi in the "warm heart of Africa."

Parents are encouraged to pray with your child or children as they pack for camp. Help them consider what they might like to give to this summer's camp offering.

DIGITAL SABBATH

We live in the connected age where our friends and family are just a text or snapchat away. There is growing research that there are some negative effects to this constant connectedness. Taking up the Biblical idea of a rest from work as an important part of life's cycle, we invite our campers to join us for a week of Digital Sabbath.

The means we will not permit our campers to have cell phones/electronic devices during camp. Our staff will monitor this during the week, and turn over any devices used by campers to their Group Leader for the remainder of the week.

CAMP GUIDELINES

Dress Guidelines

Campers should dress modestly and appropriately, according to their size and developmental stage, the entire week of camp.

- Modest shorts, shirts, and swimsuits
- Properly fitting clothes
- Please avoid low-riding, short, and/or revealing clothes
- No clothing with inappropriate language/advertising
- Shirts with sleeves and closed-toe tennis shoes required for Choice courses
- Clothing should not make fun of another person or culture

What NOT to Bring

- Firecrackers, bad attitudes, shaving cream for a purpose other than its intended use, balloons that can be filled with water, tobacco products, illegal drugs, firearms, alcohol...all the usual no-no's. Campers will be held responsible for property damage and/or clean-up costs incurred.
- We ask that all electronics be switched off and put away while at camp. This is a rule designed to allow campers to focus on God, camp, relationships and themselves—not games or music.

Checklist of Things to Bring

2 copies of PASSPORT's form or PASSPORT's form and your church's form (these do not have to be notarized)

Clothes

- 6-7 T-shirts (shirts with sleeves are required for Choice Time)
- 6-7 pairs of shorts
- clothes for Worship (long pants, skirt, or dress)
- jacket/sweater
- closed-toe shoes (Closed-toe shoes are required for Rec Party and Choice time. Rec Party shoes may get dirty so bring extra.)
- costume for the Jersey Jam Dance

Toiletries

- soap (for sink and shower)
- shampoo/conditioner
- deodorant
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- other personal hygiene items

Towels and Linens

- twin XL sheets and blanket (Sleeping bags are good alternative to sheets.)
- pillow
- washcloth and towels (for bathing and drying hands)

Other items

- Bible and pen/pencil
- alarm clock or watch (Phones will be taken up by Group Leaders as part of Digital Sabbath. See pg. 6 for more information.)
- sunscreen
- work gloves/hat
- bug repellent
- flashlight
- water bottle (a must!)
- money for the mission offering and camp store

CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

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